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EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **February 2016** the **EU Affairs Committee (SUE)** held 9 meetings: no. 23-31. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 69 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 11 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a. certain aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods, certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content or European Border and Coast Guard,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 20 European Commission documents (8 reports, 10 communications, 1 joint decision and 1 recommendation) concerning i.a. the participation of the European Union in various organisations for cooperation to prevent and counter terrorism, EU enlargement strategy or European Aviation Safety Programme,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Agriculture and Fisheries Council, Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council, Justice and Home Affairs Council, Competitiveness Council and Environment Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 14 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a. the conclusion of the cooperation agreement on partnership and development between the EU and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the conclusion of the agreement between the EU and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters or mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund,
- adopted positive opinions on the candidatures of:
 - Jarosław Starzyk for the position of Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the European Union ([opinion no. 5](#), mtg no. 25),
 - Piotr Nowak for the position of member of the European Investment Bank Board of Directors ([opinion no. 6](#), mtg no. 30),
- heard information on human trafficking in the digital era, presented by Secretary of State in the Ministry of the Interior and Administration Jakub Skiba (mtg no. 27),
- held the first reading of the deputies' draft resolution on Poland's immigration policy (paper no. 230, mtg no. 29),
- considered deputies' draft resolution on immigration policy of Poland in the EU forum (paper no. 18, mtg no. 29).

In **February 2016** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 23, 24, 26-28, 30 and 31, provided by the EU Affairs Committee secretariat, were published in the [EDL-S](#) (European Legislative Documents in the Sejm) and [IPEX](#) databases.

WORK IN COMMITTEES

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **10.02.2016**, adopted desideratum addressed to the Prime Minister concerning implementation of the 2014/40/EU directive, so called Tobacco Products Directive; took note of the information of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) on the schedule of implementation of the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 in 2016 (mtg no. 13);
- **09.02.2016**, considered the information of the Minister of ARD on introduction of instruments supporting tobacco production with national resources in the framework of the Rural Development Programme within the New Financial Perspective 2014-2020 and on defence of interests of Polish producers of tobacco; considered the information of the Minister of Health on state of play of the implementation of the Tobacco Products Directive, and, in particular, the bill on the protection of health against the effects of using tobacco and tobacco products; began consideration of a draft desideratum on implementation of the Tobacco Products Directive (mtg no. 12).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In February 2016

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on explosives for civil uses and some other acts [275],
 - Government bill on conformity assessment systems and market surveillance [248],
 - Government bill amending the act on identification and registration of animals [245],
 - Government bill on safety of trade of explosives precursors [217].
- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been adopted** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 26 February 2016 amending the act on investment funds and some other acts [69],[70],
 - Act of 25 February 2016 amending the act on radio and television broadcasting [203],
 - Act of 25 February 2016 on the re-use of public sector information [141].

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in February (Information from IPEX database as of 08.03.2016)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2015) 595	02.02.2016	02.02.2016 / -	Senate (France)
COM(2015) 613	02.03.2016	16.02.2016 / -	Senate (Italy)
		- / 01.03.2016	Chamber of Representants (Malta)
COM(2015) 634	08.03.2016	- / 07.03.2016	Senate (France)
COM(2015) 635	08.03.2016	- / 07.03.2016	Senate (France)

In **February 2016**, 28 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 8 March 2016, the national parliaments submitted 5 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

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* In January 2016 to the document COM(2015) 595 another reasoned opinion was submitted - see the previous [Biuletyn OIDE – January 2016](#).

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

23 February 2016, Brussels, [Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "Toward the NATO Summit in Warsaw" and "Conflicts in the MENA region"](#)

17 February 2016, Brussels, [Workshop on "New rules for contracts in the digital environment" with the participation of EU National Parliaments](#)

16-17 February 2016, Brussels, European Parliamentary Week 2016

- [European Semester](#)
- [Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union \(IPC SECG\)](#)

7-8 February 2016, Hague, [Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC](#)

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

In the section OIDE Notes

[New settlement for the United Kingdom in the EU, Energy union](#)

Following sections have been updated

OIDE Notes: [EU Agency for Fundamental Rights](#), [TTIP - Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership](#), [EU programme on migration and refugees](#), [European Semester - course of coordination cycle at the level of the Union and Poland \(2011-2016\)](#)

LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

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